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NATO worker said to defect to East Germany

Brussels (AP)—A NATO spokesman said yesterday that a West German secretarial employee in the organization's head office had defected to East Germany. The East German news agency said she had stolen the war plans of the Western alliance.

The spokesman for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization would not comment on whether the woman's position with NATO was of a sensitive nature, but said officials will meet this week "to assess what damage she can do."

The East German news agency, ADN, said the woman was a confidential secretary on the executive staff.

ADN did not elaborate on the "war plans." It said they would be "released at the appropriate time," along with opinions of NATO officials. ADN said the woman, identified as Ursel Lorenzen, crossed to Communist East Germany Monday.

The NATO spokesman confirmed the identification. He said Miss Lorenzen, a NATO employee for 11 years, worked in the Office of Council Operations and Communications, which he described as "a small office which prepares for exercises."

ADN did not specify her job or add any personal detail.

The NATO spokesman, asking not to be identified, said: "She was not connected at all with the office of the secretary general," Joseph M. A. H. Luns, of the Netherlands.

The news agency added that disclosure of Mr. Luns's "fascist past" provided the final reason for her move.

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